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1. PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND PAKISTAN ARE TWO NEW ENTRIES
THIS YEAR'S MALTA INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR (MITF). CHINESE
PAVILION COVERING 500 SQUARE METER AREA AND SECOND LARGEST
AFTER THAT OF ITALY, INCLUDES APPROXIMATELY 1,500 ITEMS
ON DISPLAY RANGING FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS AND TEXTILES
TO ARTS AND CRAFTS, CIGARETTES, WINE, TEA AND OTHER FOOD
ITEMS.

2. BOTH CHINESE AND PAKISTANI PARTICIPATION HAVE RESULTED
IN SERIOUS EMBARRASSMENT FOR THEMSELVES AND FOR THE
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MANAGEMENT OF THE MITF AS RESULT OF THEIR SALES TO THE PUBLIC

OF WIDE RANGE OF CONSUMER GOODS INCLUDING DETERGENTS,
TOWELS, SFIRTS#,WHISKEY AND RUGS. TWO COMMERCIAL BODIES,
THE GENERAL IMPORTERS UNION AND THE GENERAL RETAILERS AND
TRADERS UNION, FILED PROTESTS WITH THE PRESIDENT AND
ADMINISTRATION OF THE MITF SEEKING IMMEDIATE CESSATION OF
CHINESE AND PAKISTANI SALES. THEIR PROTEST HAVE RESULTED
IN WIDESPREAD ADVERSE PUBLICITY.
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